GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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NEW SUGAR POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new sugar policy has been announced by the Government recently; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Government has taken decisions on all the recommendations of the High Powered Committee on Sugar Industry which has submitted its report in April, 1998. The major recommendations of the Committee pertained to decontrol of sugar industry and supply of levy sugar in Public Distribution System. Government decisions on these recommendations are as under :

Reduction in the levy obligation :-

Government has decided to decontrol the sugar industry in a phased manner. The levy obligation, which was reduced fom 40% to 30% with effect from 1.2.2001.

Restructuring of Public Distribution System for levy sugar:

Government has decided to restructure the Public Distribution System (PDS)n so far as supply of levy sugar is concerned. Income tax assesses and members of their families were excluded from the purview of the PDS levy sugar with effect from July, 2000.The supply of levy sugar under the PDS has been restricted, with effect from 1.2.2001, to the people belowpoverty line except in North-Eastern States/Hill States/ Island territories, where the existing arrangements would continue.However, minimum per capita per month quantum of levy sugar under the PDS has increased from 425 gms. to 500 gms which would benefit the people below poverty line.